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Title: Need to enhance the outlay for the Pilot Project being Implemented in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI Y.V. RAO (GUNTUR): Sir, a sector reforms Pilot Project with an outlay of Rs.40 crore with ten per cent community participation was sanctioned to Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh with a gestation period of three years, that is, from 1.4.2002 to 31.3.2005. The people of Guntur district have remitted Rs. 6 crore towards community participation. So far, Rs. 22.44 crore have been released and Rs. 19.05 crore have been utilised. Works for the remaining amount are in active progress. The Collector of Guntur has submitted proposals for release of third instalment. Meanwhile, according to recent instructions of the Government of India, the project which was to be completed by 31.3.2005 has to be completed now and accounts finalised by 31.3.2004 so that Swajaldhara could be implemented from 1.4.2004.

I request the hon. Minister to relax the stipulation of submitting accounts by completing works up to 15.8.2004. Since works are in full swing, the switch over of on going works to Swajaldhara II would disappoint the community and hamper the extension of work. In the interest of the community and to successfully complete the drinking water scheme, I also request the hon. Minister for assurance of balance ten per cent paid for Rs. 15 crore for 40 projects in 45 villages either in Swajaldhara II or sector reforms to start work immediately.